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Boys' Williams Lodge, No. 266, Order of St. George—Albert Bankhead, President; Fred Hall, Secretary. Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays.

Newport Tent, No. 14, Knights of Columbus—John Williams, Commander; Charles K. Grindall, Record Keeper. Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays.

Coast Womans, No. 20, Daughters of American Women—Julia Gordan, Chief Ranger; Joseph J. Jones, Recording Secretary. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

The Newport Horticultural Society—John T. Allen, President; Patrick P. Reynolds, Secretary. Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays.

Daughters Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians (Division 2)—Mrs. C. Abby Sullivan, President; Mrs. Margaret Sheen, Secretary. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians (Division 1)—President, Mrs. Catherine Curley; Secretary, Jeanne Fontaine. Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

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Yavas Division, No. 3, U. R. K. of P.—Sir Knight Captain Sidney D. Harvey; James C. Walsh, Recorder. Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays.

Clay McLean, No. 163—John Yale, Chief; Alexander Gilkes, Secretary. Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays.

—Local Matters.

Departure of the German Ships

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Thursday morning the German ships took their departure out of Newport harbor en route for New York, where they will participate in the Hudson-Fulton celebration to-day.

Wednesday evening the ships were brilliantly illuminated, but on account of the dense fog that was prevalent the beautiful sight was not seen by those ashore. The officers and sailors were most hospitably entertained during their stay in Newport, showing the fraternal spirit that prevailed among

Much regret was expressed at the departure of the German sailors as they were a very gentlemanly set of men on all occasions and seemed to enjoy themselves in a quiet manner while on shore leave.

An announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Marian Dow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Dow, of Boston, and Mr. James G. Blaine, 3rd, son of Mrs. William T. Bell of Newport and New York. Miss Dow, who was introduced into society about a year ago, is very popular with the young set of Boston and Marion, the country home of her parents. Mr. Blaine is a student at Harvard. He has spent his summers in Newport for many years, where he is well known.

Rear Admiral Thomas Cuthbert McLean, U. S. N., was married in Utica, N. Y., Tuesday evening to Mrs. Margaret B. Bachus of that city. Admiral McLean was commandant at the Naval Torpedo Station for several years and was later president of the Board of Inspection and Survey.

Admiral James B. Cottrell, who has been seriously ill at his home on Thames street, shows signs of improvement, and hopes are now entertained for a complete recovery.

Misses Elizabeth and Dorothy Cottrell are visiting relatives in New York.

Mr. George H. Taber, of New York, has been visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard Clarke have gone to New York to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Catese Fisard have gone to New York for the winter.

City Sergeant William H. Westcott is suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor is expected home from Europe next week.

Mrs. Theodore M. Davis sailed for Europe the past week.

A Gala Occasion.

The Dresden, the fourth of the German cruisers, arrived in the harbor Wednesday morning, joining the Steuben, Hertha and Victoria Louise. As the Dresden passed Fort Adams she hoisted the American flag and fired a salute of 21 guns, answered by admirals from the Port.

The Dresden is a much larger and more up-to-date ship than the others, having but recently been launched from the building.

A round of festivities has been accorded the officers of the German cruisers since their arrival in Newport harbor. Last Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell Clark gave a reception at their summer home, "Orey Craig," which was very largely attended. The rooms were prettily decorated with American and German flags and German and American national hymns were played while the guests were arriving.

In the evening Mrs. Clermont West and her daughter, Mrs. Livingston Best, gave a dinner and an informal dance at their cottage on Bellevue Avenue in honor of the German officers, the house being decorated with American and German flags. A large number of young people of the cottage colony were among the guests and the occasion proved a most enjoyable one.

Monday evening the officers of the Torpedo Station and their wives gave a ball in honor of the German officers. The ball was held in the drafting room of the administration building, which was decorated with American and German flags, electric lights, etc. Music was furnished by the Training Battalion orchestra.

An informal dance was given by the officers at Fort Adams Wednesday evening, in honor of the German officers from the four ships. The guests were received by Mrs. Howe, wife of commandant of the district and post, and Mrs. Gibson, wife of the post surgeon. Music was furnished by the Post orchestra and a buffet supper was served.

A large crowd gathered on Washington Square Wednesday evening to listen to a complimentary concert, given by the Newport Military Band, in honor of the German fleet. The heavy fog that prevailed did not seem to mar the pleasure of those who attended. The music was mostly of the patriotic order and the band was at its best. Credit is due Alderman William Shephey for this concert, as it was through his efforts that it was given.

The army and navy officers have been elaborately entertained by the German officers during the latter's stay in Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hoffman were among the navy who entertained the German officers, giving a dinner at Armea Hall, on Wednesday.

An Interesting Trip.

Today Saturday, Sept. 25, the Rhode Island Citizens Historical Society make an excursion to Tiverton Heights, to visit the camp of the Soldiers of the Revolution. A paper will be read by Mrs. Richard Jackson Barker of Tiverton. The party will go by carriages to Little Compton Common. Here Speaker Burchard has been invited to deliver an address on the history and graves of the pilgrims. This will be a most delightful trip for those interested in historical matters.

Dr. Antonio Fella, who was injured in an automobile accident at Newport when the Italian business and professional men entertained the officers of the cruiser *Etruria* here, has received a telegram from the officers of the warship expressing their hopes for a prompt recovery and also illustrated post cards from each of them from Bridgeport, Conn.

Rev. Arthur Lawrence, D. D., died at his summer home in Ipswich, Mass., on Tuesday. For 37 years he had been rector of St. Paul's Church at Stockbridge, Mass. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Henry Lawrence of this city and a cousin of Mrs. Frederick C. Cunningham, who owns a summer home on Washington street.

The Young Republican Club of Middletown are going to give a complimentary dinner to Governor Pethier and staff at the town hall on Tuesday evening, Oct. 12. It is expected to be a very pleasant affair. The Young Republican Club of Middletown is a very active organization.

Ex-Mayor William P. Clarke has taken out nomination papers for the mayoralty.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Martin have closed their Newport season and gone to New York.

The State election takes place five weeks from next Tuesday. Don't forget the date.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Beckman are on a trip to the White Mountains.

Inspection of Mumford School.

The Board of Aldermen visited the Mumford School on Farwell street last Saturday evening, at which time the school was turned over to the board by the contractor and architect. The building was brilliantly lighted from top to bottom and a thorough inspection was made. No fault could be found with the work done, although there were a number of things, outside the contract, that the board desires to have done before turning the school over to the school department.

It is understood that the building will be open to the public shortly for inspection, when parents and all interested in education will have a chance to see what a splendid new school building has been erected in this section of the city.

The contractor was Alexander Nicoll for construction, P. F. Conroy for heating, the Openshaw Company for plumbing, Beauchemin & Potter for electrical fixtures, Dorey & Ward for painting, and Moigan Bros. for grading and gravel walks.

Captain and Company Fined.

Steamer City of Newport of the Providence, Fall River and Newport Steamboat Company has imposed upon it a penalty of \$400 by the Government, and the master of the steamer, Capt. Abram Y. Wilson of Providence, must pay a penalty of \$100 because of a collision between steamers City of Newport and General off Long Wharf, Newport, on the afternoon of May 29.

The owners and master of the City of Newport have 20 days to appeal from the penalty. The two counts on which Capt. Wilson was found guilty of reckless navigation were not blowing the danger signal on the whistle and blowing a passing signal when he should not have done so.

Civic League Meeting.

The Civic League of this city held its annual meeting in the Channing parlor Monday afternoon, with the president, Miss Ellen F. Mason, in the chair. The annual reports were read and the work that is being done by the various departments was brought to the attention of all present. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$108.29.

The following officers were elected: President—Miss Ellen F. Mason; Vice President—Miss Elizabeth H. Swinburne, Mrs. William H. Jones; Recording Secretary—Miss Eleanor M. Barnes; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. D. P. A. Jacoby; Treasurer—Mrs. Frank M. Greenlaw; Members at Large—Miss Abby Angier, Miss Ruth B. Franklin, Mr. James Stewart, Mrs. Clark Burdick.

\$1,000,000 Wanted.

If the next session of Congress will make the appropriation, great improvements will be made at the Naval Training Station. The amount to be asked for is one million dollars, and with that sum it is expected to make this in all respects a model station. A new causeway and drawbridge are to be constructed at a cost of \$300,000; a new auditorium at a cost of \$100,000; a new house for the commandant at a cost of \$5,000, and many other buildings are to be constructed. Many of the present unsightly structures are to be removed. The authorities have asked for this appropriation and it is up to Senator Wetmore and Representative Shefield to get it.

Naval Constructor John G. Tawressey and the crew of naval tug *Neptune*, which sank off Cape Ann, August 11, causing the death of four men, were placed on trial before a court-martial at Portsmouth, N. H., Monday, in connection with the accident. The general charge against Constructor Tawressey is neglect in not reporting suspicion that the tug was unseaworthy. Against the crew is lodged the more serious charge of abandoning several persons, including their captain, who were clinging to portion of the wrecked vessel. The members of the crew are Frank R. Bitter, chief boatswain's mate; George H. Pratt, chief machinist's mate; William H. Fitzgerald, seaman; Vernon F. Tilton, seaman, first class; and Charles E. Underwood, seaman, second class.

Mr. James D. Smith died at his home in Stamford on Tuesday after a short illness. He was born in Exeter, N. H., Nov. 24, 1829. He was a member of the New York Stock Exchange and a former commodore of the New York Yacht Club. One daughter survives him.

St. George's School opened this week with the largest registration of pupils in its history. They have 123 in all, which is all that can be accommodated at present. This is getting to be one of the most popular schools of its class in the country, and deservedly so.

Miss L. Neal Peckham is entertaining Miss Louise Whitehouse of Providence at her home on Sherman street.

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Brenton Reef Hotel.

The Brenton Reef Hotel Company are out with circulars soliciting subscriptions to a capital stock of \$300,000 to erect a hotel on a five acre plot of land between the Golf Club and Brenton Point. The location would seem to be a good one, the circulars say one of the best on the Atlantic Coast for hotel purposes.

According to the circular the intent is to build a modern hotel, rooms in suite with private baths, commodious public and private dining rooms. Large ball room, cafe and spacious promenade plazas with band stand. The service and cuisine will be of the best. A fire proof garage of immense size will be connected with the hotel. Tennis and tennis courts and a children's Casino will be provided.

The architect who is to design this hotel was the designer of the celebrated Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel at Atlantic City. We hope that the company will succeed in raising the necessary funds to build the hotel and we trust that they will have it ready for next summer's use. We have always advocated a good hotel for Newport and we believe that one will bring many more. The people of the whole world would like to come to Newport. Conventions could be held here every day throughout the summer. The only thing that is lacking is a place to properly house the people. Atlantic City supports more than one hundred hotels, some of them costing upwards of ten million dollars. Newport certainly ought to support one.

St. Barnabas Guild.

The twenty-third annual council of St. Barnabas Guild for barren was held in this city the past week, the first service being held in St. John's Church Wednesday evening. The attendance was large and the service was a very interesting one. Thursday morning the general business meeting was held in Trinity Hall, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Captain-General—Rev. Whitehead. Secretary-General—Mrs. William Ward. Treasurer-General—Mrs. Arthur Van Hyning.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen Thursday evening there was some discussion over the extension of Haleman avenue. It already having been discussed at a former meeting. No definite action was taken in the matter, but Alderman Shephey will bring it to the attention of the park commission at the next meeting. The weekly payrolls were approved and ordered paid, as well as a number of other bills. A number of petitions were received and acted upon.

A house of the sisters of the Holy Ghost has been opened in this city in connection with St. Mary's Parish. A house on William street, a part of the St. Mary's Church property, will be used as the home for the sisters, who will go out to nurse the sick poor of the city. It is also planned to open a day nursery later. At present, however, the sisters will undertake only the care of the sick poor.

James J. Keefe and Edward Wolfson, conductors on the Lawrence division of the Boston & Northern St. Ry. Co., were recently placed under arrest charged with the fancy of fares from the company. After a hearing of their cases before the police court in Lawrence, Judge Mahoney found them guilty and has announced his decision, fining them each \$35 and costs.

Mr. George Simpson died at the insane Asylum at the State Farm, Cranston, on Friday. He was for a long time a member of the Newport police force, holding that position until ill health forced him to resign a few years ago. He was well known to nearly every resident of Newport.

The one hundred and forty-third meeting of the Warren Baptist Association was held in Providence on Wednesday, when about 200 delegates from the 26 churches were present. The meeting was not only an interesting but an instructive one.

Peter Barker was arrested in Hoboken the past week. Barker is wanted in this city, for taking money that did not belong to him.

Mr. William F. Bell is at his summer home, "Dudley Place," One Mile Corner, having recently returned from Europe.

Mr. Daniel E. Sullivan is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, which he is spending in New York and adjoining places.

Mrs. Ezra J. Barker and her daughter, Miss Luella Barker, are visiting at Greenport, Long Island.

Mr. James Jones has gone to New York to join "A Knight for a Day" Company.

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Recent Deaths.

Mrs. Charles Harry Stevens.

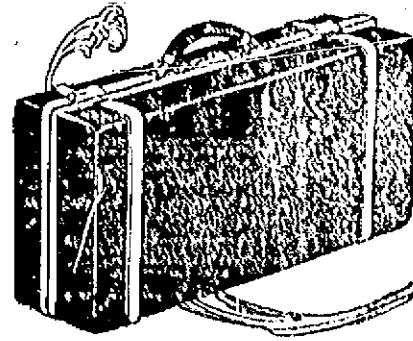
The death of Mrs. Myrtle Stevens, wife of Mr. C. Harry Stevens, and elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lincoln Stevens of Middletown, came as a severe blow not only to her relatives but to a host of friends, as she was a general favorite with all who knew her, having endeared herself to both the old and young by her bright and sunny disposition. She was born in Middletown in August, 1860, and had spent her life there with her parents.

Mrs. Stevens had been in poor health for some time and she went to Sharon, Mass., some months ago, hoping that the change of climate might prove beneficial to her. For a time she seemed to be gaining, but a few weeks ago she had several hemorrhages and her condition seemed more serious than at any time before, so her parents decided to bring her home, as they realized that the disease had gained too strong a hold on her to yield to any medical treatment.

Mrs. Stevens was a former student at the Roger High School and was married on January 11, 1888, her husband being the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Stevens, Jr., of this city.

Funeral services were held from her parents' residence, on East Main street, on Thursday afternoon, Rev. Frank W. Goodman, rector of St. Mary's Church, in which Mrs. Stevens belonged. The delectable gray casket was completely covered with white lilies and the grave was lined with green boughs in which bunches of partridge berries were interwoven. The bearers were Whiting Merrill and Philip Rider Weaver of Newport and Ray Tallman and Gould Anthony of Portsmouth. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

At the



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what anybody to know it?"

"But that doesn't prove it."

"Just a minute!" rapidly and conclusively Kirkwood recounted the events whereby he had played a part subsequent to the adventure of Bermonsey Old Stairs. He was guilty of but one evasion. On one point only did he clinch the truth. He concealed it his honorable duty to keep the girl in ignorance of his straitened circumstances. She was not to be distressed by knowledge of his distress, nor could he tolerate the suggestion of seeming to play for her sympathy. It was necessary, then, to invent a motive to excuse his return to No. 9 Fregall street, I believe to chose to exaggerate the ingenuousness of his nature and throw in for good measure a desire to recover a prized trinket of no particular moment, esteemed for its associations, and so forth. But, whatever the fabrication, it passed muster. To the girl his motives seemed less important than the discoveries that resulted from them.

"I am afraid," he concluded the summary of the confabulation he had overheard at the skylight of the Alethea cabin, "you'd best make up your mind that your father"—

"Yes," whispered the girl huskily and turned her face to the window, a quivering muscle in the firm young throat alone betraying her emotion.

"It's a bad business," he pursued relentlessly—"bad all round. Mulready, in your father's pay, tries to have him arrested, the better to rob him. Mrs. Hallam, to secure your property for that precious jewel, Freddie, counsels at it she doesn't instigate a kidnapping."

"Your father takes her money to deprive you of yours, which could profit him nothing so long as you remained in lawful possession of it, and at the same time he conspires to rob through you, the rightful owners. If they are rightful owners. And, if they are why should Freddie Hallam go like a thief in the night to secure property that's his beyond dispute? I don't really think you over your father any further consideration."

He waited patiently. Eventually "No-no!" the girl sobbed assenting.

"It's this way: Calendar, counting on your sparing him to the end, is going to bound us. He's doing it now. There's Hobbs in the next car, for proxy. Until these jewels are returned, whether to Fregall street or to young Hallam, we're both in danger, both to be in the sight of the law. And your father knows that too. There's no profit to be had by discounting the temper of these people. They're as desperate a gang of swindlers as ever lived. They'll have those jewels if they have to go as far as Russia."

"Mr. Kirkwood?" she deprecated in horror.

He wagged his head stubbornly, emphatically. "You've seen them in the raw. They're hot on our trail now. Ten to one we're on our backs before we can get across the channel. Once in England we will be comparatively safe. Until then—but I'm a henchman to the girl.

"You are, dreadfully," she confessed in a tremulous voice.

"Together now. If you look at the dark side first, the other seems all the brighter. Please don't worry. We'll pull through with flying colors or my name's not Philip Kirkwood."

"I have every faith in you," she informed him, fawningly sincere. "When I think of all you've done and dared for me, on the mere suspicion that I needed your help!"

"We'd best be getting ready," he interrupted huskily. "Here's Brussels."

It was six. Lights, in little clusters and long, wheeling lines, were leaping out of the darkness and flashing back as the train rushed through the suburbs of the little Paris of the north.

Already the other passengers were beginning to stir, stretching themselves, gathering together, wraps and hand luggage and preparing for the journey's end.

Rising, Kirkwood took down their two scarfs from the overhead rail and wiped in grim determination their

wet, cold hands in Mrs. Hallam's basin.

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QUESTION OF SUBSISTENCE

Problem Which Overshadows Physical Endurance and Bravery—Objection Due Indians and Eskimos For Lessons Learned From Them—Not Bound to Appeal For License to Look For Pole—Forced Strands of Human Endurance to Scientific Limits in Order to Succeed—Replies to Criticisms at Banquet Given in His Honor

New York, Sept. 21.—Cheered by a thousand men and women as he entered the banquet hall last night on the arm of Rear Admiral Schley (retired), Dr. Frederick A. Cook later told his story before a brilliant audience. The banquet was given by the Arctic Club of America, of which Cook is a member, in recognition of his last Polar venture which culminated in his announcement that he had reached the North Pole.

While there was no official representative from either state or nation, the assemblage was cosmopolitan and enthusiastic. Crowded in the great ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria they toasted the Brooklyn explorer and listened attentively to his recital in the form of an after-dinner address.

Among those at the tables were explorers, some of whom knew the dangers and suffering of the Arctic zone almost as well as Cook himself. Men of science were there also, but the explorer addressed himself primarily to the great majority of his hearers whose interest in Polar conquest has but lately been aroused. Commander Peary's name he did not mention except at the end of his speech when he said that there was "glory enough for all."

Admiral Schley presided and introduced Cook with many enthusiastic expressions in his ability and confidence in his attainment. Dr. Cook's remarks were as follows:

Dr. Cook's Address

"This is one of the highest honors I ever hope to receive. You represent most of the great explorers of Europe and nearly all of the Arctic explorers in America. Your welcome is the explorer's guarantee to the world—coming as it does from fellow workers, from men who know and have gone through the same experience—it is an appreciation and a victory of the highest which could fall to the lot of any returning traveler.

"The key to frigid endeavor is assistance. There is nothing in the entire realm of the Arctic which is impossible to man. If the animal fires are supplied with adequate fuel there is no cold too severe and no obstacle too great to surmount. No important expedition has ever returned because of unscalable barriers or impossible weather. The exhausted food supply resulting from a limited means of transportation has turned every aspirant from his goal. This problem is a large one—too large and too complex to examine at this time.

"In the ages of the Polar quest much has been tried and much has been learned. The most important lesson is that civilized man, if he will succeed, must bend to the savage simplicity necessary. Candor compels me to say that the effort of getting to the Pole is not one of physical endurance, nor is it fair to call it bravery; but a proper understanding of the needs of the stomach and knowledge of the limits of the brute force of the motive power, be that man or beast.

The Real Pathfinders

"Our conquest was only possible with the accumulated lessons of early ages of experience. The real pathfinders of the Pole were the early Danish, the Dutch, the English, and the Norse, Italian and American explorers. With the worthy forerunners we must therefore share the good fruits which your chairman has put into my basket."

"A similar obligation is due to the wild man. The use of pannikin and the snowshoe, which makes the penetration of the Arctic mystery barely possible, has been borrowed from the American Indian. The method of travel, the motor force and the native ingenuity, without which the Polar quest would be a hopeless task, have been taken from the Eskimo. To savage man, therefore, who has no flag, we are bound to give a part of this fruit. To John H. Bradley, the man who paid the bills, belongs at least one-half of this fruit."

"The Canadian government sent its expedition under Captain Bernier 1000 miles out of its course to help us to it. I gladly pass the basket. In returning, shriveled skin and withered muscles were filled out at the expense of Danish hospitality. And last but not least—the reception with open arms by fellow explorers—to you and to all belongs this basket of good flags which the chairman has placed on my shoulder."

Replies to Criticism

"Nothing would suit me better than to tell you tonight the complete story of our quest, but the very first telegram gives more specific data than I could hope to tell you in an after-dinner address. Therefore I shall devote the allotted time to an elucidation of certain phases of our adventures. In a few days I hope to tell the complete story to you with pictures."

"One of the most remarkable charges brought out is that I did not have a favorable license to start for

the Pole. It is only necessary to make announcement that an expedition embarks for the Pole to start an undesirable howl and flourish of trumpets. This I chose to do. John H. Bradley furnished the funds. I shaped the destiny of the expedition. For the time being the business concerned us only. I believed then as I believe now that if we succeeded there would be time enough to fly the banner of victory."

"Now, gentlemen, I appeal to you as explorers and men. Am I bound to appeal to anybody, to any man, to any body of men for a license to look for the Pole?"

Not a Pleasure Trip

"Another criticism is the charge of our insufficient equipment. We have met this. We chose to live a life as simple as that of Adam and we forced the strands of human endurance to scientific limits. If you will reach the Pole, there is no other way. For our simple needs Mr. Bradley furnished sufficient funds. We were not overburdened with the usual odds of pleasure and comfort, but I did not start for that purpose."

"Now as to the excitement of the press, to force things of their own picking from important records into print—in reply to this I have taken the stand that I have already given a tangible account of our journey. It is as complete as the preliminary reports of any previous explorer. The data, the observations, the record, are of exactly the same character. Heretofore such evidence has been taken with faith and the complete record was not expected to appear for years, whereas we agreed to deliver all within a few months."

Concerning the Pole

"Now about the Pole. We arrived April 21, 1908. We discovered new land along the 102nd meridian between the 8th and the 86th parallel. Beyond this there was absolutely no life and no land. The ice was large, heavy blocks with few pressure lines. The drift was south of east, the wind was south of west. Clear weather gave good regular observations nearly every day. These observations, combined with those at the Pole on April 21 and 22, are sufficient to guarantee our claim. When taken in connection with the general record, you do not require this, but this and all the other records will come to you in the due course of events."

"I cannot sit down without acknowledging to you, and to the living Arctic explorers, my debt of gratitude for their valuable assistance. The report of this Polar success has come with a sudden force, but in the present enthusiasm we must not forget the fathers of the art of Polar travel. There is glory enough for all. There is enough to go to the graves of the dead and to the heads of the living."

"Many are here tonight. The names are too numerous to mention. Special mention for honors must be made to Greely, Schley, Melville, Peary, Flata, Nansen, Abruzzi, Cagni, Sverdrup, Amundsen, Nordenskjold and a number of English and other explorers."

FAR BEYOND REQUIREMENTS

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Smith Makes Thirty-Two Knots an Hour

Lewes, Del., Sept. 23.—The United States torpedo boat destroyer Smith made the remarkable speed of 32 knots an hour, four knots more than required by the contract, during her standardization run on the standard mile off the Delaware Breakwater.

The Smith carried nearly fifty tons more weight than was required on this run, the additional weight having been placed on board for the four hours' run which will take place later.

MISS KRITCHMAN INDICTED

Joseph Peccinatti Also Charged With Murder of Kulvinska

Watertown, Conn., Sept. 24.—The grand jury returned an indictment of first degree murder against Sophie Kritchman and Joseph Peccinatti for the killing of Bronislav Kulvinska in Union City, Sept. 17.

Kulvinska was found with twelve bullets in his body and his throat cut. Lying beside him a letter accusing the Kritchman woman and Peccinatti was found.

No Car Service at Night

Omaha, Sept. 24.—In view of the turbulent scenes Wednesday night and frequent annoying collisions between imported crews and strike sympathizers, the street car company decided to cease attempting to run cars at night for an indefinite period.

Mrs. Richmond Arraigned

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 21.—Mrs. Elizabeth Richmond, proprietor of the Hotel Florence, pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder of Stewart McTavish on July 23, when arraigned before Judge King.

No Massacre at Kiev

Kiev, Sept. 24.—There has been no massacre of Jews in Kiev. There have, however, been some slight disorders which apparently have been the foundation for the sensational reports sent abroad.

MEDICINES IN HOSPITALS

Rapid Decline in Their Use Noted During Past Few Years

Washington, Sept. 21.—Striking illustrations of the rapid decline in the use of drugs in the various hospitals of the country featured the eleventh annual conference of the American Hospital Association. They were shown in the report of the committee on hospital efficiency, hospital finance, and economics of administration.

It was declared that fifteen years ago the annual cost of medicines for each patient in the Massachusetts general hospital was about \$2.90, while last year it was only 91 cents.

50,000 PEOPLE
GREET PEARY

Given Grand Welcome Upon His Arrival in Portland

BIG RECEPTION AND BANQUET

Ocean of Humanity Straightened Into Single Line in Auditorium, That Each Person May Clasp Explorer's Hand—His Eyes Hold as He Makes Brief Speech in Response to Praises Sung at Only Public Function Which He Will Attend Until Polar Controversy Is Settled

Portland, Mo., Sept. 24.—Crowding, pushing, jostling, 60,000 eager men, women and children, their path blazed with red fire, cheered Commander Peary from the Midway Central railroad station a mile across the city to the spacious Auditorium here last evening, where a public reception was held.

In the centre of the auditorium a raised platform had been erected. A single line of people were passing up the narrow aisle to the receiving platform as fast as it was possible. They were only able to catch a hurried glance and quickly shake the hand of the man of whom they had read so much.

"How do you do?" "Thank you," "Yes" and "It's great" were his own exclamations as the line passed hurriedly by, while out on the large drift floor before him swayed backward and forward an ocean of humanity, eager to clasp the hand that has touched the North Pole.

"It's great," he kept repeating first to Mayor Leighton on one side and then to Governor Fernald on the other. "It's great."

Finally, after the monster crowd had been satisfied and had been sent outside the building, Peary was taken to the Fairmont hotel, where a big banquet was held in his honor.

Attends a Banquet

Commander Peary was the central figure last night at the only public function which the explorer will attend until the North Pole controversy is settled. It was a brilliant affair and about 400 persons were present.

It was not an hour before midnight when the guests sat down. In the center of the head table rested a snow-white candy image representing the North Pole with the Stars and Stripes flying from its apex, while all about little white snow men were dragging miniature sledges. The menu contained photographs of Peary and the far northland.

The speechmaking began about midnight, when Judge Reynolds was introduced as toastmaster of the evening.

Mr. Peary listened intently to the remarks of each speaker. His jaw was set firm and when his name was mentioned by the speakers, and everyone in the hall arose to cheer him, the jaw would relax, showing a set of well-preserved teeth. All the while he was gazing steadily at the miniature North Pole and its little American flag in front of him on the table.

All rose when, an hour after midnight, Peary prepared to respond to the introduction by the toastmaster. He stood erect, with hands in his coat pockets, and it was almost possible to discern molts in his eyes as he faced so many friends and listened to their cheers. His response was brief.

"You know, as I do, that today has been a white letter day for me," he began. "This splendid demonstration in this city, every foot of which I knew in my boyhood days, this splendid gathering here, that striking loyalty from the governor straight from the shoulder, the fine tribute from Mayor Leighton to Mrs. Peary, who has endured as much as I in this effort, have touched my heart as they will touch hers."

"I have been asked what is the North Pole. There are some things about it that are a great deal greater than the gathering of a few additional data about the earth. As long as there was a part of the earth undiscovered it was a reproach on humanity and a challenge to civilization. Another thing, it has accredited to the United States another milestone in history. The way the Pole has been enveloped in mystery for 200 years, it surely will be recognized as another milestone in history."

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Toastmaster Reynolds then presented him with a loving cup in behalf of the citizens of the sister cities "in recognition of his achievements in nailing the Stars and Stripes to the North Pole."

"Gentlemen," responded the commander, "permit me, with the assistance of this loving cup in spirit, to drink the health of the state of Maine and ourselves. Again, gentlemen, I thank you most deeply in words I cannot express."

The Peary family proceeded by motor boat to their summer residence at Eagle Island this forenoon.

Death Hails Auto Relay Race

Philadelphia, Sept. 29.—Harry J. Buckley, a newspaper man of this city, who was carrying a message from President Taft to Seattle in a relay automobile race under the auspices of the Philadelphia Press, was killed when the automobile was wrecked near Lebanon, Pa. The race was abandoned.

BANNARD FOR MAYOR

He Is Expected to Be Supported by Anti-Tammany Forces in New York

New York, Sept. 21.—With the announcement from the platform that practically all the Fusion and independent forces, with the exception of the Independence League, would work in harmony to elect his candidate in the coming municipal election, the Republican city convention unanimously nominated these candidates for the three leading municipal offices:

For mayor, Otto T. Bannard, Hopkinton comptroller; William A. Franklin, past, Hopkinton; for president of the board of aldermen, John P. Mitchell, Dem.

Bannard's name came into the campaign as a surprise, for he had not been included even in the half dozen or more preliminary possibilities.

Bannard is president of the New York Trust company.

MAYBRAY CROWD INDICTED

Alleged Bandits Said to Have Cleaned Up Half Million Dollars

Connell Bluff, Ia., Sept. 21.—James C. Maybray and eighty-four alleged associates were indicted by a United States grand jury, charged with conspiring to demand by illegal use of the United States mails. With the exception of Maybray and a few others none of those indicted are in custody, and for that reason the defendants were not made public.

It is stated that the list includes many persons known in criminal annals in all parts of the country and that nearly every name is followed by from one to four aliases.

It is authoritatively stated that the amounts lost on fake race horses by the alleged victims of Maybray and others named will exceed \$500,000.

EXPERT SWORDSMEN
IN DESPERATE DUEL

Cuban Editor Puts Major General Out of Business

Havana, Sept. 22.—A desperate duel with cavalry sabres was fought in the parlor of a private residence in Havana between Major General Del Castillo, a former congressman, and Wilfredo Fernandez, editor of *El Comercio*. After several minutes of fencing Del Castillo was seriously wounded in the sword arm and was unable to continue fighting.

The duel was the outcome of a sarcasm reference in *El Comercio* to the general, who thereupon sent a challenge to Fernandez. Both men are skilled swordsmen and the duel is said to have been the most desperate fought in Havana in many years.

TINIEST MAN IS DEAD

Major Nutt Leaves Widow Who Is Nearly Six Feet Tall

Boston, Sept. 23.—Major Rodnia Nutt, 60, last male survivor of Barnum's famous midget troupe, who as a member of that dwarf combination, became known all over this country and in England, died at his home in Dorchester.

Up to his death, and since retiring, nineteen years ago, Nutt had conducted a successful real estate business. Heart trouble caused death. Nutt is survived by a wife, who, in contrast to his height of 3 feet, 10 1/2 inches and weight of 111 pounds, is nearly 5 feet tall, and weighs about 200.

CUTICURA CURED
CHIEF OF POLICE

Canadian Officer Poisoned by Weeds

—Eczema Developed and Legs Became Scaly—Ankles were Very Sore and Itchy—For Weeks He Could Not Wear Shoes.

FREED FROM ITCHING
BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"I have been successfully cured of dry eczema. I was inspecting the removal of noxious weeds, it being part of my duty, from the edge of a river and was constantly in the dust from the weeds. At night I shook out my trousers and cleaned my limbs, but felt a prickly sensation. I paid no attention to it for years, but I noticed a scum on my legs like fish scales. I could scratch it off, and yet I did not attend to it until it came to be too itchy and sore and began getting two running sores. My ankles were all sore and scabby and I could not wear shoes. I had to use carpet and felt slippers for weeks. I was then on particular police duty and was compelled to be on duty. I got a cake of the Cuticura Soap and some Cuticura Ointment. In less than ten days I could put on my boots and in less than three weeks, though on duty all the time, I was free from the contaminated itching. I tell you frankly that Cuticura saved me from what the doctors called a bed leg. Capt. George Bliss, Chief of Police, Morris, Manitoba, Sept. 20, 1907, and Sept. 24, 1908."

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PUBLIC LAWS, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, 1909.

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CHAPTER 38.

AN ACT In Amendment of Sections 35, 36, and 37 of Chapter 180 of the Public Laws, passed at the January Session, A. D. 1908, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Banks, Savings Banks, and Trust Companies."

(Passed April 25, 1909.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Section 35 of Chapter 180 of the Public Laws, passed at the January Session, A. D. 1908, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of Banks, Savings Banks, and Trust Companies," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 35. If upon examination any corporation subject to the provisions of this act appears to be insolvent, or its condition such as to render the continuance of its business hazardous to the public or to those having funds in its custody, the bank commissioner, with the approval and consent in writing of at least one other member of the board of bank incorporation, shall immediately take possession of said corporation and its assets; and said commissioners may apply to the superior court for the county in which said corporation is conducting its business for the appointment of himself or the deputy bank commissioner, either or both, a receiver or receiver thereof, and for an injunction to restrain such corporation, in whole or in part, from further proceeding with its business, and said court shall have jurisdiction in equity of such application. The court may appoint such receiver or receiver to take possession of the property and effects of such corporation, subject to such directions as may from time to time be prescribed by the court, and the appointment of said receiver or receivers shall rest in him at all the right, title, and interest of such corporation in and to its property and effects, and shall vacate and dissolve all attachments or liens thereon, created by or obtained in or pursuant to any suit or proceeding at law or in equity against said corporation which was begun within four months before the appointment of said receiver or receivers, and such receiver or receivers shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties conferred or imposed upon receivers by the provisions of sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the General Laws. Such receiver or receivers are authorized to employ such clerical assistance as may be necessary, at the expense of the corporation under such receivership; but the duties of such receiver or receivers, as part of their initial duties, without compensation, from such corporation, and such receiver or receivers shall be entitled to any necessary legal advice and assistance in the discharge of their duties, or in legal proceedings, from the attorney-general or his assistants, without expense to such corporation. If any corporation subject to the provisions of this act appears to have exceeded its powers or failed to comply with any provision of law, the bank commissioner may apply to the superior court for the county in which said corporation is conducting its business, for an injunction to restrain such corporation, in whole or in part, from further proceeding with its business, and said court shall have jurisdiction in equity of such application."

Sec. 2. Section 35 of said Chapter 180 of the Public Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 35. When a receiver or receivers are so appointed, the president or treasurer of the corporation shall make "or cause to be made a schedule of its property, and shall make oath that said schedule sets forth all of the property which the corporation owns or is entitled to. The treasurer shall deliver said schedule to the receiver or receivers, who may at any time examine under oath such treasurer, board of directors, or trustees, or other officers, to determine whether all the property which the corporation owns or is entitled to has come into the hands of the receiver or receivers."

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Sec. 5. In the case of any receiver or receivers hereinabove appointed, and whose duties have not been completed, the bank commissioner shall at least twice in each year, and whenever he considers it expedient, examine the accounts and debts of said receiver or receivers, and shall carefully examine and report upon all accounts and reports of any receiver or receivers made to the superior court, and for such purposes shall have free access to the books and papers relating to the transactions of such receiver or receivers, whom he may examine under oath relating to such transactions. If in his opinion any such receiver has violated his duty, he shall present the facts to the superior court. In the case of any receiver or receiver hereinabove appointed, and whose duties have not been completed by January first, nineteen hundred and ten, the bank commissioner, if in his opinion, or in the opinion of the board of bank incorporation, such action is advisable, may also apply to said superior court for the removal of said receiver or receivers, and for the appointment of himself or the deputy bank commissioner, either or both, as receiver or receivers in place of said removed receiver or receivers, and in case of the appointment of said bank commissioner as such receiver or receiver, such new receiver or receiver shall discharge their duties as provided in this act."

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

CHAPTER 39.

AN ACT In Amendment of Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the General Laws, Entitled "Of Medical Examiners and Officers."

(Passed April 25, 1909.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 20. Every medical examiner shall receive fees as follows: For a visit without an autopsy, five dollars; for a visit with an autopsy, thirty dollars; and for the gravit. at the rate of ten cents a mile to the place of visit. He shall also have power, in case of an autopsy, to employ a doctor at an expense not exceeding three dollars per day for his medical services."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 40.

AN ACT In Amendment of Chapter 143 of the Public Laws, Entitled "An Act Providing for the Disposition of School Teachers in This State," passed at the January Session, 1907.

(Passed April 25, 1909.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 143 of the Public Laws, entitled "An act providing for the disposition of school teachers in this state," passed at the January Session, 1907, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. Any person of either sex who for thirty-five years has or shall have been engaged in teaching as his principal occupation, and has or shall have been regularly employed as a teacher in the public schools or in such other schools within this state as are supported wholly or in part by state appropriation, and are entirely maintained and controlled by the state, twenty-five years of which employment, including the fifteen years immediately preceding retirement, has or shall have been in this state, and who, at the expiration of the school year in June, has been or shall have been retired by his employer or has or shall have voluntarily retired from active service, shall, on his formal application, receive from the state for the remainder of his life an annual pension equal to one-half of his average contractual salary during the last five years before retiring, but in no case shall such annual pension be more than five hundred dollars. Provided, however, that no such employment as teacher within this state after this act shall be included in this provision, unless the teacher shall hold a certificate of qualification issued by or under the authority of the state board of education."

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Forty years before she had come, an orphan of thirteen years, to wed Robert Martindale's wife at the Manor Farm. Ten years later her mistress died, and Robert declined no stranger should fill her place and enter his house, but Lyddy was used to his ways, and she should do it.

She had been more like a daughter than a servant, and as he had no children of his own, and young Stephen Martindale, a second cousin, being his nearest relative, he obtained the right to provide for Lyddy if she stayed with him and made his last days comfort, side and young Stephen should not be forgotten, although Robert made no secret of the fact that Stephen was his favorite of all.

So Lyddy Graham received no wages. Was she not his own daughter?

And so for nearly thirty years all had gone smoothly until Robert Martindale became bedridden in his attics, and his days were numbered.

It was then that Stephen Martindale became restive in his attics, and his days were numbered.

There were those in the village who did not hesitate to say Stephen's intentions were not altogether disinterested.

"He is after making things all right for himself. That's what he is after," said the buxom matronly of "The Rose," one Saturday night when a few of her regular customers dropped in.

"Ah, we know that," assented Tom Payne, old Martindale's countryman.

"But the master made that right, I be one of them assigned his will, and I'm allowed if much will be left for Master Stephen. I be pretty sure Miss Lyddy's all right, for I old master be sort of a master to himself when I will my name, and be whisper, 'There, Lyddy, my girl, I will, and as I did not say, 'So, we knowed it were all right for Miss Lyddy.'

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"Ah, Lyddy, not gone yet." His voice rang out. "Why I thought you'd be cleared out by this time."

Lydia shivered slightly as he seated himself in Robert Martindale's armchair, and filled his pipe from old man's tobacco-jar.

"Good tobacco, too! Old Robert knew a good article when he saw it. That old dresser's a rare fine one. Now when are you off, Lyddy?"

"The Flemings will send their cart for my things in half an hour, Stephen. I could not go before."

There was a gentle dignity about her attitude to Stephen Martindale. He frowned.

"Who wants to hurry you? You've taken your time. Going to stay, with the Flemings for a time?"

"They kindly offered me a home for an indefinite period. Half-a-dozen boxes were offered me, but I hope to bear of something to do, ere long."

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